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E.O. 12356: DECL: OADR
TAGS: SHUM, PEPR, PROG, AR
SUBJECT: RENEWED ARGENTINE COOPERATION ON HUMAN RIGHTS

REF: BUENOS AIRES 6240

1. ~~ENTIRE TEXT.~~

2. SUMMARY: THE GOA ON NOVEMBER 12 EXTENDED ITS FIRST COOPERATION ON HUMAN RIGHTS SINCE THE SOUTH ATLANTIC CONFLICT BY PROVIDING AN UP-TO-DATE LIST OF STATISTICS ON DETAINEES AND OFFERING TO ACCEPT REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION ABOUT INDIVIDUAL CASES. THE GOA ALSO INFORMED US THAT APPROXIMATELY 100 DETAINEES WOULD BE RELEASED FROM JAIL AND PUT UNDER THE EQUIVALENT OF PAROLE WITHIN DAYS. RENEWED GOA COOPERATION ON HUMAN RIGHTS IS DIRECTLY ATTRIBUTABLE TO OUR VOTE ON THE UNGA FALKLANDS/MALVINAS RESOLUTION. END SUMMARY.

3. THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS' EQUIVALENT OF DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF HUMAN RIGHTS AFFAIRS ON NOVEMBER 12 EXTENDED TO US THE FIRST GOVERNMENT OF ARGENTINA (GOA) COOPERATION ON HUMAN RIGHTS SINCE THE SOUTH ATLANTIC CONFLICT. IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST THAT WE MADE ON OCTOBER 28, HE PROVIDED US WITH A DETAILED, UP-TO-DATE LIST OF STATISTICS ON DETAINEES, WHICH HE SAID HE HAD JUST RECEIVED FROM THE MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR EARLIER IN THE WEEK. HE EMPHASIZED THAT IT WAS STILL A CONFIDENTIAL REPORT BECAUSE IT REFLECTS NEW RELEASES THAT HAVE BEEN APPROVED BUT HAVE NOT YET TAKEN PLACE. HE SAID THAT APPROXIMATELY 100 DETAINEES WOULD BE RELEASED FROM PRISON AND PUT UNDER THE ARGENTINE EQUIVALENT OF PAROLE ("LIBERTAD VIGILADA"). ONCE THESE RELEASES TAKE PLACE, WE WILL CABLE THE REVISED STATISTICS AND A REVISED PARAGRAPH FOR OUR DRAFT HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT (REFTEL).

4. IN ANSWER TO OUR QUESTION, THE DIRECTOR ALSO TOLD US THAT THE GOA WAS NOW WILLING TO ACCEPT ONCE AGAIN FORMAL US REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION ABOUT INDIVIDUAL HUMAN RIGHTS CASES. HE SUGGESTED THAT WE SEND A NOTE LISTING CASES, WHICH WE WILL DO THIS WEEK, ASKING ABOUT TEN CONGRESSIONAL-INTEREST CASES. THIS IS THE FIRST COOPERATION SINCE THE WAR IN THIS AREA, TOO.

5. COMMENT: IT IS NO COINCIDENCE THAT THIS RENEWED COOPERATION COMES RIGHT AFTER THE US VOTE IN THE UN IN FAVOR OF THE ARGENTINE/LATIN AMERICAN RESOLUTION ON THE FALKLANDS/MALVINAS ISLANDS. OUR CONTACT, WHO HAD TOLD US AS RECENTLY AS A MONTH AGO THAT HE WAS UNDER INSTRUCTIONS NOT TO COOPERATE WITH US, HAS OBVIOUSLY RECEIVED NEW INSTRUCTIONS. WE WILL HAVE TO WAIT AND SEE, OF COURSE, WHAT KIND OF RESPONSE WE GET TO OUR NOTE, AND WHETHER OTHER DEVELOPMENTS AFFECT THE DURATION OF THIS RENEWED COOPERATION. SHLAUDEMAN

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Margaret P. Grafeld, Director

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